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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and the initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-15, and add new claims 16-30 as follows:

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--16. (New) A microprocessor system for executing Virtual Machine bytecodes which have been translated into respective 8-bit microprocessor instructions which correspond either to a fixed and predefined operation or to a user defined operation, the system comprising:

a central processing unit;